

PHA Plans

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Streamlined 5-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 - 2009

Streamlined Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2005

Amesbury Housing Authority (MA116)

Main Administrative Office
c/o Amesbury Housing Authority
180 Main St.
Amesbury, MA 01913

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Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan Agency Identification

PHA Name: Amesbury Housing Authority **PHA Number:** MA116

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 10/2005

PHA Programs Administered:

☐ **Public Housing and Section 8**
 ☒ **Section 8 Only**
 ☐ **Public Housing Only**
 Number of public housing units:
 Number of S8 units: 22
 Number of public housing units:

Number of S8 units:

☐ **PHA Consortia: (check box if submitting a joint PHA Plan and complete table)**

Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the Consortium	Programs Not in the Consortium	# of Units Each Program
Participating PHA 1:				
Participating PHA 2:				
Participating PHA 3:				

Public Access to Information

Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting:
(select all that apply)

- ☒ Main administrative office of the PHA
- ☐ PHA development management offices
- ☐ PHA local offices

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

The PHA Plans and attachments (if any) are available for public inspection at:
(select all that apply)

- ☒ Main administrative office of the PHA
- ☐ PHA development management offices
- ☐ PHA local offices
- ☐ Main administrative office of the local government
- ☐ Main administrative office of the County government
- ☐ Main administrative office of the State government
- ☐ Public library
- ☐ PHA website
- ☐ Other (list below)

PHA Plan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at: (select all that apply)

- ☒ Main business office of the PHA
- ☐ PHA development management offices
- ☐ Other (list below)

Streamlined Five-Year PHA Plan PHA FISCAL YEARS 2005 - 2009

[24 CFR Part 903.12]

A. Mission

State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low income, and extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction. (select one of the choices below)

- ☐ The mission of the PHA is the same as that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.
- ☒ The PHA's mission is: (state mission here)

The Amesbury Housing Authority's specific mission is:

The mission of the Amesbury Housing Authority is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing at affordable rents to serve the needs of low-income, very low income, and extremely low-income families in the Amesbury Area. To offer assistance with home-owner assistance and work closely with the Political and Administrative bodies of the Town of Amesbury to create as many options for affordable housing as possible within the Town. To manage the small 62-unit Section 8 allocation so that the greatest possible result can be reached for this town of 16,500 in population and its environs.

B. Goals

The goals and objectives listed below are derived from HUD's strategic Goals and Objectives and those emphasized in recent legislation. PHAs may select any of these goals and objectives as their own, or identify other goals and/or objectives. Whether selecting the HUD-suggested objectives or their own, **PHAs ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY QUANTIFIABLE MEASURES OF SUCCESS IN REACHING THEIR OBJECTIVES OVER THE COURSE OF THE 5 YEARS.** (Quantifiable measures would include targets such as: numbers of families served or PHAS scores achieved.) PHAs should identify these measures in the spaces to the right of or below the stated objectives.

HUD Strategic Goal: Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing.

- ☒ PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing
Objectives:
- ☒ Apply for additional rental vouchers:
 - ☐ Reduce public housing vacancies:
 - ☒ Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:
 - ☐ Acquire or build units or developments
 - ☒ Other (list below)
To expand the home purchase option where ever possible.
- ☒ PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing
Objectives:
- ☐ Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)
 - ☒ Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)
 - ☒ Increase customer satisfaction:

- ☐ Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions:
(list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections)
- ☐ Renovate or modernize public housing units:
- ☐ Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:
- ☐ Provide replacement public housing:
- ☐ Provide replacement vouchers:
- ☒ Other: (list below) to mitigate, wherever possible, the negative impacts of expected reductions in federal funding for housing subsidy under the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

☒ PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices

Objectives:

- ☒ Provide voucher mobility counseling:
- ☐ Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords
- ☐ Increase voucher payment standards
- ☒ Implement voucher homeownership program:
- ☐ Implement public housing or other homeownership programs:
- ☐ Implement public housing site-based waiting lists:
- ☐ Convert public housing to vouchers:
- ☒ Other: (list below) Maintain and expand existing homeownership program

HUD Strategic Goal: Improve community quality of life and economic vitality

☐ PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment

Objectives:

- ☐ Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income public housing households into lower income developments:
- ☐ Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring access for lower income families into higher income developments:
- ☐ Implement public housing security improvements:
- ☐ Designate developments or buildings for particular resident groups (elderly, persons with disabilities)
- ☐ Other:

HUD Strategic Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals

☒ PHA Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households

Objectives:

- ☒ Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:
- ☐ Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients' employability:
- ☐ Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.
- ☒ Other: (list below) To mitigate, where ever possible, the negative impacts of

reductions in funding for housing subsidy under the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

HUD Strategic Goal: Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans

- ☒ PHA Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing
Objectives:
- ☒ Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
 - ☐ Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:
 - ☒ Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required:
 - ☐ Other: (list below)

Other PHA Goals and Objectives: (list below)

- 1) To mitigate, wherever possible, the negative impacts upon program recipients of reductions in funding for housing subsidy under the Housing Choice Voucher Program
- 2) To require strict adherence to program regulations by program participants so that diminishing housing assistance payments are utilized for the greatest good.
- 3) To accept portable housing vouchers from all PHAs in Massachusetts which do not support the homeownership option now available under HCVP.
- 4) To work closely with local and regional housing funding sources and providers to improve access to affordable housing programs and promote fair housing opportunities.

Streamlined Annual PHA Plan

PHA Fiscal Year 2005

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b)]

Table of Contents

Provide the following table of contents for the streamlined Annual Plan submitted with the Five-Year Plan, including all streamlined plan components, and additional requirements, together with the list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

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- ☒ 1. Housing Needs
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- ☒ 11. Supporting Documents Available for Review
- ☐ 12. FY 20__ Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor, Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report
- ☐ 13. Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan
- ☐ 14. Other (List below, providing name for each item)

B. SEPARATE HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL HUD FIELD OFFICE

Form HUD-50077, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans;

Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan.

For PHAs APPLYING FOR CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM (CFP) GRANTS:

Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace;

Form HUD-50071, Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions;

Form SF-LLL & SF-LLLa, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.

Executive Summary (optional)

[903.7(r)]. If desired, provide a brief overview of the contents of the streamlined 5-Year/Annual Plan.

1. Statement of Housing Needs [24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7(a)]**A. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists**

State the housing needs of the families on the PHA's waiting list/s. **Complete one table for each type of PHA-wide waiting list administered by the PHA.** PHAs may provide separate tables for site based or sub-jurisdictional public housing waiting lists at their option.

Housing Needs of Families on the PHA's Waiting Lists			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 tenant-based assistance		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Housing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combined Section 8 and Public Housing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)		
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	184	100%	0
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	182	96%	0
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	6	3%	0
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	1	1%	0
Families with children	66	35%	0
Elderly families	7	4%	0
Families with Disabilities	90	48%	0
Race/ethnicity -White	129	68%	0
Race/ethnicity-Black	18	10%	0
Race/ethnicity-Hispanic	42	22%	0
Race/ethnicity			
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing Only)			
1BR			
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes:			
How long has it been closed (# of months)? 32			
Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed?			
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Emergencies and victims of abuse			

B. Strategy for Addressing Needs

Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 waiting lists **IN THE UPCOMING YEAR**, and the Agency's reasons for choosing this strategy.

(1) Strategies

Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations

Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within its current resources by:

Select all that apply

- ☐ Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- ☐ Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- ☐ Reduce time to renovate public housing units
- ☐ Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance development
- ☐ Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8 replacement housing resources
- ☐ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
- ☒ Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required
- ☐ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration
- ☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- ☒ Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies
- ☐ Other (list below)

Strategy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:

Select all that apply

- ☒ Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available
- ☒ Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing
- ☐ Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI

Select all that apply

- ☐ Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing
- ☐ Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance
- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 50% of median

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI

Select all that apply

- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working
- ☐ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:

Select all that apply

- ☐ Seek designation of public housing for the elderly
- ☒ Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:

Select all that apply

- ☐ Seek designation of public housing for families with disabilities
- ☐ Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing
- ☒ Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available
- ☐ Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs

Strategy 1: Increase awareness of PHA resources among families of races and ethnicities with disproportionate needs:

Select if applicable

- ☐ Affirmatively market to races/ethnicities shown to have disproportionate housing needs
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing

Select all that apply

- ☐ Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units
- ☒ Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Other Housing Needs & Strategies: (list needs and strategies below)

(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

Of the factors listed below, select all that influenced the PHA's selection of the strategies it will pursue:

- ☒ Funding constraints
- ☐ Staffing constraints
- ☐ Limited availability of sites for assisted housing
- ☐ Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community
- ☒ Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan and other information available to the PHA
- ☐ Influence of the housing market on PHA programs
- ☒ Community priorities regarding housing assistance
- ☒ Results of consultation with local or state government
- ☐ Results of consultation with residents and the Resident Advisory Board
- ☐ Results of consultation with advocacy groups
- ☐ Other: (list below)

2. Statement of Financial Resources

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (c)]

List on the following table the financial resources that are anticipated to be available to the PHA for the support of Federal public housing and tenant based Section 8 assistance programs administered by the PHA during the Plan year. Note: the table assumes that Federal public housing or tenant based Section 8 assistance grant funds are expended on eligible purposes; therefore, uses of these funds need not be stated. For other funds, indicate the use for those funds as one of the following categories: public housing operations, public housing capital improvements, public housing safety/security, public housing supportive services, Section 8 tenant-based assistance, Section 8 supportive services or other.

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
1. Federal Grants (FY 20__ grants)		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund		
b) Public Housing Capital Fund		
c) HOPE VI Revitalization		
d) HOPE VI Demolition		
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	\$595,653	Subsidy payments to owners and admin fee for operations.
f) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants		
g) Community Development Block Grant		
h) HOME		
Other Federal Grants (list below)		
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)		
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income		
4. Other income (list below)		
4. Non-federal sources (list below)		
Total resources	\$595,653	

3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (b)]

A. Public Housing

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete subcomponent 3A.

(1) Eligibility

a. When does the PHA verify eligibility for admission to public housing? (select all that apply)

- ☐ When families are within a certain number of being offered a unit: (state number)
☐ When families are within a certain time of being offered a unit: (state time)
☐ Other: (describe)

b. Which non-income (screening) factors does the PHA use to establish eligibility for admission to public housing (select all that apply)?

- ☐ Criminal or Drug-related activity
☐ Rental history
☐ Housekeeping
☐ Other (describe)

c. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

d. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

e. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)

(2)Waiting List Organization

a. Which methods does the PHA plan to use to organize its public housing waiting list (select all that apply)

- ☐ Community-wide list
☐ Sub-jurisdictional lists
☐ Site-based waiting lists
☐ Other (describe)

b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to public housing?

- ☐ PHA main administrative office
☐ PHA development site management office
☐ Other (list below)

c. Site-Based Waiting Lists-Previous Year

1. Has the PHA operated one or more site-based waiting lists in the previous year? If yes, complete the following table; if not skip to d.

Site-Based Waiting Lists

Development Information: (Name, number, location)	Date Initiated	Initial mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics	Current mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics since Initiation of SBWL	Percent change between initial and current mix of Racial, Ethnic, or Disability demographics

2. What is the number of site based waiting list developments to which families may apply at one time? ____

3. How many unit offers may an applicant turn down before being removed from the site-based waiting list? ____

4. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Is the PHA the subject of any pending fair housing complaint by HUD or any court order or settlement agreement? If yes, describe the order, agreement or complaint and describe how use of a site-based waiting list will not violate or be inconsistent with the order, agreement or complaint below:

d. Site-Based Waiting Lists – Coming Year

If the PHA plans to operate one or more site-based waiting lists in the coming year, answer each of the following questions; if not, skip to subsection **(3) Assignment**

1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year?

2. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Are any or all of the PHA's site-based waiting lists new for the upcoming year (that is, they are not part of a previously-HUD-approved site based waiting list plan)?
If yes, how many lists?

3. ☐ Yes ☐ No: May families be on more than one list simultaneously
If yes, how many lists?

4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?

- ☐ PHA main administrative office
- ☐ All PHA development management offices
- ☐ Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists
- ☐ At the development to which they would like to apply
- ☐ Other (list below)

(3) Assignment

a. How many vacant unit choices are applicants ordinarily given before they fall to the bottom of or are removed from the waiting list? (select one)

- ☐ One
☐ Two

☐ Three or More

b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Is this policy consistent across all waiting list types?

c. If answer to b is no, list variations for any other than the primary public housing waiting list/s for the PHA:

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting:

☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 40% of all new admissions to public housing to families at or below 30% of median area income?

b. Transfer policies:

In what circumstances will transfers take precedence over new admissions? (list below)

- ☐ Emergencies
- ☐ Over-housed
- ☐ Under-housed
- ☐ Medical justification
- ☐ Administrative reasons determined by the PHA (e.g., to permit modernization work)
- ☐ Resident choice: (state circumstances below)
- ☐ Other: (list below)

c. Preferences

1. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to public housing (other than date and time of application)? (If "no" is selected, skip to subsection **(5) Occupancy**)

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences:

- ☐ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- ☐ Victims of domestic violence
- ☐ Substandard housing
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences: (select below)

- ☐ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans' families
- ☐ Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)

- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

- ☐ Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

- ☐ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- ☐ Victims of domestic violence
- ☐ Substandard housing
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- ☐ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans' families
- ☐ Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:

- ☐ The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- ☐ Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

(5) Occupancy

a. What reference materials can applicants and residents use to obtain information about the rules of occupancy of public housing (select all that apply)

- ☐ The PHA-resident lease
- ☐ The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy
- ☐ PHA briefing seminars or written materials
- ☐ Other source (list)

b. How often must residents notify the PHA of changes in family composition? (select all that apply)

- ☐ At an annual reexamination and lease renewal
☐ Any time family composition changes
☐ At family request for revision
☐ Other (list)

(6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing

a. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA have any general occupancy (family) public housing developments covered by the deconcentration rule? If no, this section is complete. If yes, continue to the next question.

b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Do any of these covered developments have average incomes above or below 85% to 115% of the average incomes of all such developments? If no, this section is complete. If yes, list these developments on the following table:

Deconcentration Policy for Covered Developments			
Development Name	Number of Units	Explanation (if any) [see step 4 at §903.2(c)(1)(iv)]	Deconcentration policy (if no explanation) [see step 5 at §903.2(c)(1)(v)]

B. Section 8

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer section 8 are not required to complete sub-component 3B.

Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).

(1) Eligibility

a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)

- ☒ Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
☐ Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
☐ More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors):
☐ Other (list below)

b. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

c. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?

d. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening

purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)

e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Criminal or drug-related activity
☐ Other (describe below)

(2) Waiting List Organization

a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)

- ☒ None
☐ Federal public housing
☐ Federal moderate rehabilitation
☐ Federal project-based certificate program
☐ Other federal or local program (list below)

b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (select all that apply)

- ☐ PHA main administrative office – 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913
☐ Other (list below)

(3) Search Time

a. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?

If yes, state circumstances below:

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting

- ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 75% of all new admissions to the section 8 program to families at or below 30% of median area income?

b. Preferences

1. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (other than date and time of application) (if no, skip to subcomponent **(5) Special purpose section 8 assistance programs**)

2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences

- ☒ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner,

- Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- ☒ Victims of domestic violence
- ☐ Substandard housing
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- ☐ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans' families
- ☐ Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

- ☒ Date and Time

Former Federal preferences:

- ☒ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition) (**Second Priority**)
- ☒ Victims of domestic violence (**First Priority**)
- ☐ Substandard housing
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- ☐ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans' families
- ☐ Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Among applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are applicants

selected? (select one)

- ☐ Date and time of application
☒ Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique

5. If the PHA plans to employ preferences for “residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction” (select one)

- ☐ This preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD
☐ The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan

6. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements: (select one)

- ☐ The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
☐ Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs

a. In which documents or other reference materials are the policies governing eligibility, selection, and admissions to any special-purpose section 8 program administered by the PHA contained? (select all that apply)

- ☒ The Section 8 Administrative Plan
☒ Briefing sessions and written materials
☐ Other (list below)

b. How does the PHA announce the availability of any special-purpose section 8 programs to the public?

- ☒ Through published notices
☐ Other (list below)

4. PHA Rent Determination Policies

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(d)]

A. Public Housing

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete sub-component 4A.

(1) Income Based Rent Policies

Describe the PHA’s income based rent setting policy/ies for public housing using, including discretionary (that is, not required by statute or regulation) income disregards and exclusions, in the appropriate spaces below.

a. Use of discretionary policies: (select one of the following two)

- ☐ The PHA will not employ any discretionary rent-setting policies for income-based rent in public housing. Income-based rents are set at the higher of 30% of adjusted monthly income, 10% of unadjusted monthly income, the welfare rent, or minimum rent (less

- ☐ HUD mandatory deductions and exclusions). (If selected, skip to sub-component (2))
- ☐ The PHA employs discretionary policies for determining income-based rent (If selected, continue to question b.)

b. Minimum Rent

1. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- ☐ \$0
- ☐ \$1-\$25
- ☐ \$26-\$50

2. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies?

3. If yes to question 2, list these policies below:

c. Rents set at less than 30% of adjusted income

1. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to charge rents at a fixed amount or percentage less than 30% of adjusted income?

2. If yes to above, list the amounts or percentages charged and the circumstances under which these will be used below:

d. Which of the discretionary (optional) deductions and/or exclusions policies does the PHA plan to employ (select all that apply)

- ☐ For the earned income of a previously unemployed household member
- ☐ For increases in earned income
- ☐ Fixed amount (other than general rent-setting policy)
If yes, state amount/s and circumstances below:

- ☐ Fixed percentage (other than general rent-setting policy)
If yes, state percentage/s and circumstances below:

- ☐ For household heads
- ☐ For other family members
- ☐ For transportation expenses
- ☐ For the non-reimbursed medical expenses of non-disabled or non-elderly families
- ☐ Other (describe below)

e. Ceiling rents

1. Do you have ceiling rents? (rents set at a level lower than 30% of adjusted income)(select one)

- ☐ Yes for all developments
☐ Yes but only for some developments
☐ No

2. For which kinds of developments are ceiling rents in place? (select all that apply)

- ☐ For all developments
☐ For all general occupancy developments (not elderly or disabled or elderly only)
☐ For specified general occupancy developments
☐ For certain parts of developments; e.g., the high-rise portion
☐ For certain size units; e.g., larger bedroom sizes
☐ Other (list below)

3. Select the space or spaces that best describe how you arrive at ceiling rents (select all that apply)

- ☐ Market comparability study
☐ Fair market rents (FMR)
☐ 95th percentile rents
☐ 75 percent of operating costs
☐ 100 percent of operating costs for general occupancy (family) developments
☐ Operating costs plus debt service
☐ The "rental value" of the unit
☐ Other (list below)

f. Rent re-determinations:

1. Between income reexaminations, how often must tenants report changes in income or family composition to the PHA such that the changes result in an adjustment to rent? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Never
☐ At family option
☐ Any time the family experiences an income increase
☐ Any time a family experiences an income increase above a threshold amount or percentage: (if selected, specify threshold)_____
☐ Other (list below)

g. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to implement individual savings accounts for residents (ISAs) as an alternative to the required 12 month disallowance of earned income and phasing in of rent increases in the next year?

(2) Flat Rents

a. In setting the market-based flat rents, what sources of information did the PHA use to establish comparability? (select all that apply.)

- ☐ The section 8 rent reasonableness study of comparable housing
- ☐ Survey of rents listed in local newspaper
- ☐ Survey of similar unassisted units in the neighborhood
- ☐ Other (list/describe below)

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer Section 8 tenant-based assistance are not required to complete sub-component 4B. **Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).**

(1) Payment Standards

Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.

a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)

- ☐ At or above 90% but below 100% of FMR
- ☐ 100% of FMR
- ☒ Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR
- ☐ Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)

b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)

- ☐ FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- ☐ The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard
- ☐ Reflects market or submarket
- ☐ Other (list below)

c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level? (select all that apply)

- ☐ FMRs are not adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- ☐ Reflects market or submarket
- ☐ To increase housing options for families
- ☐ Other (list below)

d. How often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)

- ☒ Annually
- ☐ Other (list below)

e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)

- ☒ Success rates of assisted families
- ☒ Rent burdens of assisted families
- ☐ Other (list below)

(2) Minimum Rent

a. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- ☐ \$0
☒ \$1-\$25
☐ \$26-\$50

b. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

5. Capital Improvement Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (g)]

Exemptions from Component 5: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 6.

A. Capital Fund Activities

Exemptions from sub-component 5A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 5B. All other PHAs must complete 5A as instructed.

(1) Capital Fund Program

- a. ☐ Yes ☐ No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete items 12 and 13 of this template (Capital Fund Program tables). If no, skip to B.
- b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA propose to use any portion of its CFP funds to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements? If so, the PHA must identify in its annual and 5-year capital plans the development(s) where such improvements will be made and show both how the proceeds of the financing will be used and the amount of the annual payments required to service the debt. (Note that separate HUD approval is required for such financing activities.).

B. HOPE VI and Public Housing Development and Replacement Activities (Non-Capital Fund)

Applicability of sub-component 5B: All PHAs administering public housing. Identify any approved HOPE VI and/or public housing development or replacement activities not described in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement.

(1) Hope VI Revitalization

- a. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to next component; if yes, provide responses to questions on chart below for each

grant, copying and completing as many times as necessary)

- b. Status of HOPE VI revitalization grant (complete one set of questions for each grant)

Development name:

Development (project) number:

Status of grant: (select the statement that best describes the current status)

- ☐ Revitalization Plan under development
☐ Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval
☐ Revitalization Plan approved
☐ Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway

- c. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year? If yes, list development name/s below:

- d. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Will the PHA be engaging in any mixed-finance development activities for public housing in the Plan year? If yes, list developments or activities below:

- e. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Will the PHA be conducting any other public housing development or replacement activities not discussed in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement? If yes, list developments or activities below:

6. Demolition and Disposition

[24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7 (h)]

Applicability of component 6: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

- a. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 or 24 (Hope VI) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p) or Section 202/Section 33 (Mandatory Conversion) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If "No", skip to component 7; if "yes", complete one activity description for each development on the following chart.)

Demolition/Disposition Activity Description
1a. Development name:
1b. Development (project) number:
2. Activity type: Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Disposition <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one) Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YY)
5. Number of units affected:
6. Coverage of action (select one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development
7. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: b. Projected end date of activity:

7. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance--Section 8(y) Homeownership Program [24 CFR Part 903.12(b), 903.7(k)(1)(i)]

- (1) ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If “No”, skip to the next component; if “yes”, complete each program description below (copy and complete questions for each program identified.)

(2) Program Description

a. Size of Program

- ☒ Yes ☐ No: Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the Section 8 homeownership option?

If the answer to the question above was yes, what is the maximum number of participants this fiscal year? Six (6 is 10% of AHA allocation – This does not include portable vouchers coming into our jurisdiction and billed to originating housing authorities).

b. PHA established eligibility criteria

- ☐ Yes ☒ No: Will the PHA’s program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria? If yes, list criteria below:

c. What actions will the PHA undertake to implement the program this year (list)?

(3) Capacity of the PHA to Administer a Section 8 Homeownership Program

The PHA has demonstrated its capacity to administer the program by (select all that apply):

- a. ☒ Establishing a minimum homeowner downpayment requirement of at least 3 percent of purchase price and requiring that at least 1 percent of the purchase price comes from the family’s resources.
- b. ☐ Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its Section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards.
- c. ☐ Partnering with a qualified agency or agencies to administer the program (list name(s) and years of experience below).

d. ☒ Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below). The Amesbury Housing Authority has had a Home Purchase option available since 2002. The executive director has extensive experience in operating a HOME-Funded first time home buyers program in Lowell, MA and also has important mortgage underwriting experience developed during work in the private mortgage field. The Director also operated a “Home of Your Own Program” for people with disabilities funded through a Fannie Mae grant while he was employed by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. The Amesbury and Merrimac Housing Authority played a formative role in the establishment of a Regional Home Ownership Counseling service (Coastal First Time Homebuyers Program) to provide a vehicle for those Voucher Holders to acquire important pre and post-purchase counseling essential for success.

The Amesbury Housing Authority now has two home purchase unit under contract and will soon have others on the program. As indicated in our Administrative Plan for both agencies, we offer our services to any Voucher Holder who locates an eligible home purchase in any community that is contiguous to Amesbury or Merrimac. We allow them to take their portable voucher into this program and we then bill the originating housing agency for the appropriate subsidy and administration costs as permitted by HUD.

8. Civil Rights Certifications

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the *PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans*, which is submitted to the Field Office in hard copy—see Table of Contents.

9. Additional Information

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (b), 903.7 (r)]

A. PHA Progress in Meeting the Mission and Goals Described in the 5-Year Plan

(Provide a statement of the PHA's progress against the goals and objectives established in the previous 5-Year Plan for the period FY 2000 - 2004.)

B. Criteria for Substantial Deviations and Significant Amendments

(1) Amendment and Deviation Definitions

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

PHAs are required to define and adopt their own standards of substantial deviation from the 5-year Plan and Significant Amendment to the Annual Plan. The definition of significant amendment is important because it defines when the PHA will subject a change to the policies or activities described in the Annual Plan to full public hearing and HUD review before implementation.

- a. Substantial Deviation from the 5-Year Plan – No substantial deviations from the first 5-Year Plan have taken place. Our target of beginning a Home Purchase Option has been realized. The Amesbury Housing Authority is one of nineteen

public housing authorities in Massachusetts with a functional Home Purchase Program offered to Housing Choice Voucher Participants.

b. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan – No amendments have been necessary, as the original planning document was based upon reachable goals. The only program component that has not materialized is the project-based option. We have discovered that the landlords in the Town of Amesbury are not interested in limiting their rent potential by utilizing the project-based option. With the lowering and/or slow growth of regional Fair Market Rents, the project based option is becoming even less attractive to property owners in our catchment area. Property owners also have not had significant vacancy problems in our regional market that would make the project-based option more viable.

C. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.13, 903.15]

(1) Resident Advisory Board Recommendations

a. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s? If yes, provide the comments below:

b. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)

☐ Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.

☐ The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments
List changes below:

☒ Other: (list below) We received no substantiveresponse s from the RAB voucher holders on ways that the program could be altered or improved.

(2) Resident Membership on PHA Governing Board

The governing board of each PHA is required to have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, unless the PHA meets certain exemption criteria. Regulations governing the resident board member are found at 24 CFR Part 964, Subpart E.

a. Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year?

☐ Yes ☒ No:

If yes, complete the following:

Name of Resident Member of the PHA Governing Board:

Method of Selection:

☐ Appointment

The term of appointment is (include the date term expires):

- ☐ Election by Residents (if checked, complete next section--Description of Resident Election Process)

Description of Resident Election Process

Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)

- ☐ Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations
- ☐ Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance
- ☐ Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot
- ☒ Other: (describe) All voucher recipients receive copies of the proposed housing assistance plan for comment. A survey is included and participants are asked to fill out the survey and provide any additional information that is relevant. No relevant information was offered that would alter this report.

Eligible candidates: (select one)

- ☒ Any recipient of PHA assistance
- ☐ Any head of household receiving PHA assistance
- ☐ Any adult recipient of PHA assistance
- ☐ Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization
- ☐ Other (list)

Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

- ☒ All adult recipients of PHA assistance (public housing and section 8 tenant-based assistance)
- ☐ Representatives of all PHA resident and assisted family organizations
- ☐ Other (list)

b. If the PHA governing board does not have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, why not? Not possible in Massachusetts. PHA governing board is composed of elected town officials.

- ☐ The PHA is located in a State that requires the members of a governing board to be salaried and serve on a full time basis
- ☐ The PHA has less than 300 public housing units, has provided reasonable notice to the resident advisory board of the opportunity to serve on the governing board, and has not been notified by any resident of their interest to participate in the Board.
- ☒ Other (explain): Not possible in Massachusetts. PHA governing board is composed of elected town officials.

Date of next term expiration of a governing board member:

Name and title of appointing official(s) for governing board (indicate appointing official

for the next available position):

(3) PHA Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.15]

For each applicable Consolidated Plan, make the following statement (copy questions as many times as necessary).

Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (North Shore Home Consortium – Peabody, MA)

a. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply):

- ☒ The PHA has based its statement of needs of families on its waiting list on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- ☒ The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- ☒ The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- ☐ Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)
- ☐ Other: (list below)

b. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

C. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

For each applicable Consolidated Plan, make the following statement (copy questions as many times as necessary).

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1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: North Shore Home Consortium, Peabody, MA

2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)

- ☒ The PHA has based its statement of needs of families in the jurisdiction on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- ☒ The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- ☒ The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- ☒ Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)

1. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIES

The underlying goals of the North Shore HOME Consortium are the provision of appropriate affordable housing units to meet the needs of the Consortium's residents, especially its low-income populations, and improving the overall living environment. Within this context, the Consortium has identified three priorities as a result of the housing needs assessment and the process of consulting with stakeholders and member communities.

The Consortium has adopted these priorities with a vision that its HOME funds can act as a catalyst from providing decent and safe housing and increasing the quality of neighborhood life. Resources and commitments from public and private sources will be necessary to achieve success. In addition, the process of creating affordable housing will need close coordination and partnerships. The Consortium stands ready to move forward with its agenda. The following chart summarizes the priorities and objectives of the North Shore HOME Consortium for its 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan:

Housing Strategy

Town of Amesbury Housing Development Strategy Prepared for EO 418 Certification 2003

The Town of Amesbury is actively committed to producing affordable housing for families and individuals with low, moderate, and middle-incomes low-, moderate-, and middle-incomes. While, the Town has not adopted an official housing strategy, there is an active commitment to assess housing needs and create more housing units. The Town is participating in the E.O. 418 funded Master Plan/ Community Development Plan process. The Master Plan will include a housing element that will more thoroughly address Amesbury's housing development strategy.

Documents have been developed to address affordable housing, infrastructure, and neighborhood development issues. The Office of Community & Economic Development produced a Community Action Statement for 1996-2001. This document was updated in 2002 but does not include sufficient demographic information for this strategy. The Town has also worked with the North Shore HOME Consortium to produce a Housing Market Analysis and Needs Statement. This document analyzed housing characteristics in twenty-five member communities, demographics, analyzed needs and trends of the member communities, and issued recommendations which were incorporated into a Five-year Consolidated Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1990, 33.4% of Amesbury's total population was classified as low-income. This figure was higher than the regional average of 29.3%. As of 1999 (most recent data available at the Census 2000 website), there are 1,212 or 18.8% of all households with individuals and families living below the poverty level in Amesbury, 147 are over age 65. This number has increased since the 1990 Census by 6.8%. This may mean that Amesbury has not worked sufficiently to address the needs of its very low-income population.

The challenges faced by low-, moderate-, and middle-income households were not alleviated by a tight rental market coupled with primarily new single-family home, above-market rate development during the 1990s. The median rent in Amesbury in 1990 was \$599 and increased by 41.1% to \$845. The Consortium report showed that households earning 50 to 80% of the median income were able to afford median rent prices in Amesbury. Unfortunately, households earning between 30 to 50% of the median income were unable to afford their rent by approximately \$2,474 annually. The situation escalated for families earning below 30% of the median income; they had only \$4,600 available for rent and needed \$10,140 leaving them with a shortfall of \$5,540.

As the Consortium noted, the most pressing housing problem is excessive housing costs. In Amesbury, those families paying more than 30% of their income towards housing are unable to create a savings to purchase a new home. Consequently, a first-time homebuyers program began serving clients in Amesbury as of 2000.

Compounding these problems, according to the 2000 Census Amesbury failed to develop any new rental units. New construction from 1996-1999 consisted of developing 203 new single-family housing units. The high growth rate led to the development of a By-law in 2000 to limit the annual rate of development to six units per year. The single-family home development trend was visible throughout the North Shore region. While home prices in Amesbury increased by 19.5% from 1996-1999, Amesbury still boasted the second lowest median sales prices in the North Shore at \$141,000 as of November 1999. Potential homeowners region-wide are confronting a median sales price of \$219,000.

The Consortium created the following priorities and objectives to address some of the regional issues outlined above:

1. PRIORITY #1 Expand the Supply of Affordable Housing

Objectives: Acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of 110 rental units.
Homeownership and rehabilitation assistance to 250 households.

PRIORITY #2 Provide Housing Options for Special Populations and to Prevent Homelessness

Objectives: Provide rental assistance to 125 special population households.
Create 30 units of assisted, supportive and transitional housing.

PRIORITY #3 Maintain, Preserve and Improve the Affordable

Housing Stock

Objectives: Rehabilitation and/or removal of handicapped barriers for 53 low-income renters and 70 low-income homeowners. Goals and action steps that support the creation of additional housing units affordable to households of low, moderate, and middle incomes over a specified period of time.

The Town's Housing Rehabilitation Program is committed to create at least twenty (20) affordable housing units on an annual basis through the use of Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds. The Town is currently a Mini-Entitlement community and has obligated \$250,000 towards this program for the rehabilitation of ten housing units, which may include new units for eligible families.

- To address urgent housing needs to prevent homelessness;

The Town Office of Community and Economic Development will work with Community Action, Inc. and other regional agencies who serve homeless or at-risk populations to ensure that housing needs are met. The Master Plan Housing Focus Group will be holding a town-wide meeting to gain input regarding housing needs and housing goals for the community. This meeting shall include the above-mentioned area agencies for their support. The Town shall set-aside up to \$20,000 in emergency rental assistance through the North Shore HOME Consortium funds, which are allocated on an annual basis.

- Goal 3: To maintain, preserve and improve the affordable housing stock.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program handles up to 20 housing rehabilitation cases annually. The program is specifically designed to address code violations and improve any substandard conditions that impact health and safety. The Town has also obligated \$30,000 through its CDBG Program Income account for Emergency Rehabilitation Assistance to families who are unable to make repairs.

- Goal 4: To address housing stock issues in two target areas where there are high concentrations of low- to moderate-income families.

The Town has identified to neighborhoods with high-concentrations of low and moderate income families. The Housing Rehabilitation Program and the Town Department of Public Works have worked to address improvements to aging and failing infrastructure and rehabilitating housing.

- Goal 5: To address housing needs for the disabled and elderly populations;

With the Amesbury Housing Authority the Housing Rehabilitation Program and other nonprofit agencies consider the elderly and disabled populations to be most in need and most at-risk of losing their housing due to rising taxes and home improvement or maintenance costs. Local agencies specify that these clients are high priorities for home repair or housing assistance.

- Goal 6: To offer homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income buyers of single to multi-family homes;

The Coastal First-Time Homebuyer Program serves clients in Amesbury who are looking to purchase a home but cannot afford a downpayment. This program as well as the Town's Soft-Second Loan Program is assisting those families who would like to buy a home but who do not qualify for traditional mortgages to cover housing acquisition and closing costs.

- Goal 7: To encourage the historic mill building redevelopment to create housing for low- and moderate-income families.
- Goal 8: To better assess the overall housing needs and create a development strategy for the next five years, with annual updates, for inclusion in the Town of Amesbury Master Plan. The plan will also address growth management, transportation, economic development, municipal finance, public facilities/ infrastructure, and cultural/ historic/ and natural resource management.

As outlined in the Housing Certification, the Town is currently under a Consent Decree which prevents the Town from greatly increasing the housing supply. This is specified in detail in the application. Furthermore, the Town's greatest impediment is providing adequate maintenance of existing infrastructure and improving neighborhoods where infrastructure must be fully reconstructed. The Town was able to secure over \$2,000,000 in CDBG funds to address infrastructure issues in two neighborhoods that met area-blight criteria.

- Anecdotal information on the existing housing stock, such as age and types of housing (such as elderly, single person occupancy, family rental, and single family homeownership units) in the current stock is useful in determining the community's need.
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			Community
A	Total households, 2000 Census		6,380
B	Total households, 1990 Census		4,525
C	Total household growth, 1990 - 2000	$C=(A/B)-1$	40.9%
D	Average annual household growth, 1990 - 2000	$D=C/10$	4.09%
E	Total housing units, 2000 Census		6,607
F	Total housing units, 1990 Census		4,865
G	Total housing unit growth, 1990 - 2000	$G=(E/F)-1$	5.8%
H	Average annual housing unit growth, 1990 - 2000	$H=G/10$	0.58%
I	Total occupied year-round ownership units, 2000 Census		4,198
J	Total occupied year-round ownership units, 1990 Census		2,343
K	Growth in year round ownership units, 1990-2000	$K=(I/J)-1$	79%

L	Total occupied year-round rental units, 2000 Census	2,182	
M	Total occupied year-round rental units, 1990 Census	2,182	
N	Growth in year round rental units, 1990-2000	$N=(L/M)-1$	0
O	Vacancy rate for year-round ownership units, 2000 Census	0.07%	
P	Vacancy rate for year-round rental units, 2000 Census	0.05%	
Q	Vacancy rate for year-round ownership units, 1990 Census	1%	
R	Vacancy rate for year-round rental units, 1990 Census	4.1%	

An analysis of the above numbers suggests the following actions should be taken:

Increase rental unit development for a broad range of incomes and specifically for low, moderate, and middle income families. Currently, Amesbury has 6.77% affordable housing with deed restrictions which does not meet the State's mandate of 10%. This would mean that Amesbury must produce an additional 182 affordable housing, deed-restricted units to meet this goal. However, over 100 units of the 6.77% are owner-occupied housing rehabilitation or investor-owned, low-income tenant occupied that were rehabilitated through the Amesbury Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Due to the limitations for these deed restrictions, the community has set a goal of producing an annual 10 to 20 housing units each year by the Town. The Town will also encourage private developers to set-aside units for low and moderate-income families that will be affordable over a term of at least 15 years. The community is currently facing the prospect of many Comprehensive Permit applications. One of these applications could produce enough units to help the Town reach an 8.5% goal of affordable housing.

The Census 2000 numbers also suggest that the Town needs to encourage through changes to zoning regulations and produce multi-unit affordable housing. The Town received funding through the Housing Development Support Program for the reconstruction of a building, which will include four affordable units, and the adaptive reuse of two buildings to create five more affordable housing units. Both of these projects are in Amesbury's Central Business District. A new project in the downtown may include three or four housing units available to low income families.

(4) (Reserved)

Use this section to provide any additional information requested by HUD.

10. Project-Based Voucher Program

- a. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA plan to "project-base" any tenant-based Section 8 vouchers in the coming year? If yes, answer the following questions.
- b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Are there circumstances indicating that the project basing of the units, rather than tenant-basing of the same amount of assistance is an appropriate option?

If yes, check which circumstances apply:

- ☐ Low utilization rate for vouchers due to lack of suitable rental units

- ☐ Access to neighborhoods outside of high poverty areas
- ☐ Other (describe below:)

- c. Indicate the number of units and general location of units (e.g. eligible census tracts or smaller areas within eligible census tracts):

11. List of Supporting Documents Available for Review for Streamlined Five-Year/ Annual PHA Plans

PHAs are to indicate which documents are available for public review by placing a mark in the "Applicable & On Display" column in the appropriate rows. All listed documents must be on display if applicable to the program activities conducted by the PHA.

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
Available in Main Office	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans.</i>	Standard 5 Year and Annual Plans; streamlined 5 Year Plans
	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	5 Year Plans
Available in Main Office 180 Main St. Amesbury, MA 01913	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
Available in Main Office	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction(s) in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs for families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 tenant-based waiting lists.	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP] and the Site-Based Waiting List Procedure.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers and Over-Income Tenants in Public Housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
Available in Main Office	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
Available in Main Office	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies (if included in plan, not necessary as a supporting document) and written analysis of Section 8 payment standard policies. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation).	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Results of latest Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment (or other applicable assessment).	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
		Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
Available in Main Office	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
Available in Main Office	Any policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Consortium agreement(s).	Annual Plan: Agency Identification and Operations/ Management
	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
Available in Main Office	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	The Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report for any active grant year.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
Available in Main Office	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See PIH Notice 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing.	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans).	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937.	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
	Documentation for required Initial Assessment and any additional information required by HUD for Voluntary Conversion.	Annual Plan: Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans.	Annual Plan: Homeownership
Available in Main Office	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section _XII_ of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Public Housing Community Service Policy/Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Public Housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	FSS Action Plan(s) for public housing and/or Section 8.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G). <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Pet Policy

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
Available in Main Office	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under the Single Audit Act as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings.	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
	Consortium agreement(s), if a consortium administers PHA programs.	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
	Consortia Joint PHA Plans ONLY: Certification that consortium agreement is in compliance with 24 CFR Part 943 pursuant to an opinion of counsel on file and available for inspection	Joint PHA Plan for Consortia
	Other supporting documents (optional). List individually.	(Specify as needed)

12. Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part I: Summary					
PHA Name:		Grant Type and Number Capital Fund Program Grant No: Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			Federal FY of Grant:
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement (revision no:) <input type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: <input type="checkbox"/> Final Performance and Evaluation Report					
Line	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds				
2	1406 Operations				
3	1408 Management Improvements				
4	1410 Administration				
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs				
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures				
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)				
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance				
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs				
26	Amount of line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

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13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report

Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF)

Part III: Implementation Schedule

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13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan					
Part I: Summary					
PHA Name				<input type="checkbox"/> Original 5-Year Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Revision No:	
Development Number/Name/HA-Wide	Year 1	Work Statement for Year 2 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 3 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 4 FFY Grant: PHA FY:	Work Statement for Year 5 FFY Grant: PHA FY:
	Annual Statement				
CFP Funds Listed for 5-year planning					
Replacement Housing Factor Funds					

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Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan						
Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities						
Activities for Year 1	Activities for Year : ____ FFY Grant: PHA FY:			Activities for Year: ____ FFY Grant: PHA FY:		
	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost
See						
Annual						
Statement						
Total CFP Estimated Cost			\$			\$

13. Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan					
Part II: Supporting Pages—Work Activities					
Activities for Year : ____ FFY Grant: PHA FY:			Activities for Year: ____ FFY Grant: PHA FY:		
Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost
Total CFP Estimated Cost		\$			\$